

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 125

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sheriff Jeff Holt upon being named Sheriff of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sheriff Jeff Holt, who was recently named Sheriff of the Year at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Family Conference of the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association; and

WHEREAS, having served Dyer County for twelve years, Sheriff Holt was chosen for this honor out of the ninety-five county sheriffs statewide;

WHEREAS, some of the many reasons cited in awarding this honor include Sheriff Holt's substantial assistance with the victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, serving as chairman of the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association's legislative committee, and his accomplishments in responding to Dyer County's devastating tornado in April of 2006; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Jeff Holt began his law enforcement career there in 1975 as a student officer; during the first few years of his career, he worked for the Tennessee Public Service Commission, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and as chief investigator for the Fayette County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Holt moved to Bolivar, where he served diligently as Chief of Police until 1992, and he worked as an investigator for the district attorney in Dyer County from 1992 until 1994, when he was elected Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Holt epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Holt is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Debbie; and

WHEREAS, with characteristic humility, Sheriff Holt takes no credit for his outstanding career of heroic accomplishments, saying, "it's just what I do everyday. You handle things as they come along...It's not a job-it's a way of life."; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Sheriff Jeff Holt for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sheriff Jeff Holt for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being named Sheriff of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.